

October 6, 2005

Joel Sampson , *Contemporary Mixed Media*

Our guest for the October 6th meeting will be Joel Sampson. Joel has diverse talents that he utilizes in many creative avenues. He is an accomplished artist and photographer, specializing in large color photographs of urban landscapes. He works as a commercial designer in four-color prints and website design. As a compliment to his skills in technology, he paints in watercolor and is a Signature Status member of the Texas Visual Arts Association. He has built an extensive resumé of exhibitions in juried shows, galleries, and museums, and his photographs are part of the Amon Carter Museum's collection. His accomplishments also include two master's degrees, one of which is in computer science.

In his two-part presentation, *Contemporary Mixed Media*, Joel will explore the fusion of cutting-edge technology and art. His computer slide demonstration introduces original images created through the use of copy machines, computers (scanner, laser printer, and Adobe Photoshop) and digital cameras. Joel will then give a hands-on demonstration illustrating specific techniques of transferring and binding printed images to build a foundation for collage. These images will then be combined with acrylic paint and various drawing media. The methods he will demonstrate work well on paper, canvas, wood, or other flat supports and create unique contemporary works of art.

First VAST 2006 Calendar Signing October 15

Our 2006 Calendar artists will be available on October 15 from 2-4 pm at Voertman's, 1314 West Hickory in Denton. This is a great occasion to meet and greet all of the calendar artists! We have two more Denton signings this fall: November 19, 2-4 pm, at Barnes and Noble, Golden Triangle Mall, and December 10, 2-4 pm, at Jupiter House, 114 N. Locust Street. The original calendar artwork will be on exhibit at The Cupboard in Denton throughout the month of November.

As last year, calendars will be available for purchase at our meetings and at Voertman's. This year, Barnes and Noble and The Chestnut Tree, 107 West Hickory, have also agreed to sell our calendars throughout the fall.

New this year: boxed note-card sets featuring the 2006 VAST Calendar images. Cards and envelopes will be packaged in boxed sets and will include one each of the twelve calendar images. Note-card sets will be available by the October 6 meeting and will also be for sale at each signing. Both calendars and cards are \$13 each, including tax.

For more calendars, please contact Kathy Mendes (940-482-5655). Ingrid Scobie (940-566-5507) is the current contact person for cards.

Please support VAST by buying and selling these beautiful calendars and cards!

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Marilyn Brannon



Nancy Donley



JSB Hawkins

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Melodee Ramirez Workshop classes

October 15

VAST Calendar Signing at Voertman's

November 5

Second VAST Artists' Studio Tour

November 12

The Arts Guild Annual Auction at CVA

November 18-20

Barnes & Noble VAST Fundraiser

November 19

VAST Calendar Signing at Barnes & Noble

November 21

Spring Show Entry deadline

Second VAST Artists' Studio Tour

We are gearing up for our Second Artists' Studio Tour on November 5, 10 am - 5 pm, so mark your calendars and encourage your friends to join the adventure! Jon Hawkins and Donna Kutlus are co-chairs of the event. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to be able to see where and how artists of various media work and to raise money for VAST. Twelve busy professional area artists are generously opening their studios for this tour.

The tour is open to the public and will include the following distinguished artists, all in Denton or close by: Jerry Daniel, metal sculptor (Sanger: Whitehawk Community); Judy Drought, hand weaver, and Michael Drought, oil painter (Denton); Robin Huttash, stained glass (Denton); Robert Jessup and Faith Jessup, oil painters (Denton); Circe Joines and Phil Joines, woodturners (Krum); Paul Matthaues, metal sculptor (Ponder); Carolyn Riegelman, oil painter (Denton); June Impson, watercolor painter (Denton); and Colby Parsons O'Keefe, ceramics (TWU).

Tickets and studio brochures for this special art experience will be available at both our October 6 and November 3 meetings. Prices are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and children.

As last year, we need each of you to help make this event successful. We need VAST volunteers for each location. We also need your help selling tickets. We not only want you to buy a ticket, but we need every member to commit to selling ten tickets. Jon and Donna will coordinate ticket distribution at the October meeting, and money collected for ticket sales may be mailed directly to Mike Strecher, VAST Treasurer, 1106 Bolivar, Denton, TX 76201. With such a fabulous line-up of local artists, these tickets should sell very easily!

For more information, tickets, and to volunteer please call Jon or Donna at 940-383-8896, email artmanjon@yahoo.com, or check our website: www.VASTarts.org.

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Artist Spotlight: September Artist of the Month



JSB Hawkins

On The Road in NOLA
acrylic on canvas 48x36

On the Road in NOLA was inspired by a visit Donna and I took to New Orleans in March. We were wandering the French Quarter and came across this band amongst the many groups sitting and waiting for their turn to perform. I

took a very quick low resolution digital photo, and once back in the studio worked it up into this painting. Only weeks after completing this work, Hurricane Katrina struck the Gulf Coast, and I feel very privileged that I was able to see and experience New Orleans as it was. The work is currently on exhibit at Denton's new art venue SARA on the Square, and I have arranged with the gallery that should someone wish to buy the painting we will donate half of the asking price to the Katrina fund.

Second place winner: **Jo Williams**

North Texas Art Events

Art By the Lake with OPAS

Oak Point Art Society will have its third "Art by the Lake" art show November 5, at Dallas Corinthian Yacht Club in Oak Point on Lake Lewisville. VAST members Mary Emerson and Lisa Daniels will be participating in this event. Please contact Mary Emerson for more information, 972-294-8604.

SARA – Select Artists Resource Alliance

SARA invites VAST artists to bring in examples of their work for exhibition opportunities. In September, SARA opened on the Square next to Jupiter House Coffee. SARA's goal is to form a collective where visual artists, performance artists, musicians, fashion designers, and other creative people can collaborate, and where the community can come together to experience the creative process as well as the final product. Please stop by SARA (also Sage Li Photography and Gallery), or contact Sage Li, co-founder, at 214-529-7877 for further information about upcoming SARA activities.

Denison's 3rd Sunday Art Walk

Images - A Gallery of Fine Art in Denison, Texas, invites us to visit downtown Denison this fall for their 3rd Sunday Art Walks. On the third Sunday of each month, 12 local galleries will host receptions, lectures, demonstrations, and visiting artists from 12 noon to 6pm. Images Gallery also invites VAST artists who are interested in exhibiting work in Denison to contact director Patty Kreider at imagesgallery@msn.com with "Images Membership" noted in the subject line of your email. Images Gallery is owned and managed by a group of 13 artists, representing 22 local, regional, and international artists, and has room for a few more. Denison is located north of Dallas on Highway 75.

Asel Art Supply Garage Sale and Art Expo

Asel Art Supply is having a Garage Sale and Art Expo on October 14 and 15, 2005 at their 2711 Cedar Springs Road location in Dallas. Along with the great sale items, vendors will be running seminars on art techniques and new product lines. The classes/seminars are \$10 per session and have limited space available. Please call 214-871-2425 to book a space or get further information.

2006 Gala January 20, 2006, Honoring Rob Erdle

We are excited to announce that our 2006 Gala will honor Rob Erdle, an internationally-known watercolorist and Regents Professor, School of Visual Arts, University of North Texas. His wife, Millie Giles, also a SOVA watercolor faculty member, is our critic for the VAST critique group.

The gala is scheduled for Friday, January 20, 2006, in the Center for the Visual Arts, Denton. Erdle will present a slide lecture about his work. That evening in the East Gallery he will also open an exhibition of new work entitled "Eastern Influences on a Western Painter" curated by Millie Giles. The exhibition will include both paintings and photographs from his Chinese and Japanese teaching and travel experiences.

This will be a very exciting and unusual Asian-themed evening with many treats in store. In addition to Rob's distinguished lecture, we will have both dance and music performances. Each person attending will receive a small Rob Erdle original painting.

The gala is a very important VAST fundraiser, and we are extremely fortunate that Rob and Millie are willing to support VAST in this generous way. Tickets for the dinner, entertainment, the Erdle painting, and lecture are as follows: \$35 for VAST members only, \$50 for the general public, and \$500 for sponsored tables. Groups of individuals may reserve a table at the individual ticket price by submitting names and a check for the total amount at one time. Individuals who wish to attend the lecture only may do so at a cost of \$5. We will mail invitations in December, but you may reserve seats before that time if you wish. We are anticipating a sell-out, so reserve early for the best tables!

You may mail ticket reservations to P.O. Box 1281, Denton, TX 76202. For questions or to help out, please contact Ingrid Scobie 940-566-5507 or iwscobie@hotmail.com.

Barnes and Noble November Fundraiser for VAST

During the weekend of Friday-Sunday, November 18-20, Barnes and Noble at the Golden Triangle Mall in Denton will host a fundraiser for VAST. Barnes and Noble will donate to VAST a percentage of each sale to customers who present a special VAST flyer when purchasing their items. VAST will receive 15% of each sale up to \$2000 total sales and 20% for sales over \$2000. Purchases for Gift Cards, Membership Cards, and Café consumables are not counted toward total sales. This is great chance for each of us to encourage our friends, family, and work colleagues to make book and gift purchases for Christmas and other occasions and support VAST at the same time.

Flyers will be distributed to members via email and will also be available for download from our website (www.VASTarts.org) in late October. Information will also be available at the November 3 meeting.

Early Spring Show Deadline

The slide entry deadline for the VAST 38th Annual Spring Exhibition is Monday, November 21, this year. The exhibition will be in April as in previous years. The hope is that this earlier date will increase the number of entries as well as minimize overlap with other area shows.

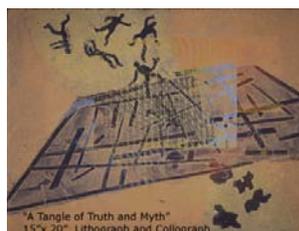
New VAST T-shirts featuring award-winning work from the 2005 Members Exhibition are in production and will be available for purchase at the October 6 general meeting. These beautiful shirts, printed on a 6 oz. heavyweight 100% cotton, cost \$12.50 each and are available in S, M, L, XL, and XXL sizes. For more information, please contact Lynne Cagle, lynne.cagle@verizon.net or 940.387.7559.

Focus on Member Artist Lorraine Hayes

Lorraine Hayes's paintings, collages, and intaglio prints are richly textured, dense with meaning, and chock-full of visual interest. Her current series of works are inspired by the images left to us by early man. From rock carvings to large-scale patterns built into the earth on the Nazca plateau in Peru, she translates ancient symbols with modern metaphors to spark in her viewers a subconscious understanding and awe of our ancient visual history. She sometimes uses photographs of a place for inspiration but only occasionally returns to painting representational works. This is a shift from her early years of painting when she studied with private instructors. It was during graduate school at the University of North Texas where she



realized her zeal for abstraction. Since then her work gradually evolved into using the mysteries of rock art as the main content in her work. This has been the concentration of her studio work for the past five years.



In 1999, Lorraine became the President of the Texas Visual Arts Association and spearheaded the effort to include visual art space in the Dal-

las Arts District's plans for expansion by adding several additional performing arts buildings. Lorraine brought together the Texas Sculpture Association, Pastel Society, SWS, local fiber artists, calligraphers, and porcelain artists to form the non-profit Visual Art Coalition of Dallas. Through Lorraine's persistent work and the help of an artist benefactor, the VACD now has a small gallery space in a building behind the Gerald Peters Gallery on Maple Avenue. Though she is no longer on VACD's Executive Board, she remains on the Advisory Board and continues her support of the group as their communications officer. She also serves as Parliamentarian for TVAA.

Lorraine and her husband lived for 35 years in Sherman where they raised two daughters. They now live in Highland Village. She has had several articles about art published in Sherman's newspapers and has given lectures in art appreciation at the college level and to community organizations there. She has achieved Signature Status in both the Southwestern Watercolor Society and the Texas Visual Arts Association. Her work is in the collection of the Meadows Museum in Shreveport, LA, at the University of North Texas, and in several corporate collections. She has exhibited her works throughout the North Texas region, as well as at the Oklahoma Art Center; the Museum of Art in Monroe, LA; the Slidell Art Center in Slidell, LA; Emporia State University in Emporia, KS; the Springfield Art Museum in Springfield, MO; and in the Société Internationale des Beaux-Arts in Paris, France.

Through our "Focus on Member Artist" article, we have been learning about the creative lives of our members, and it has been a pleasure getting to know these individuals. Lorraine Hayes is another great example of the depth of artistic experience in VAST's membership and in the North Texas art community as a whole.



■ Introducing . . . Treasurer Mike Strecher



Mike Strecher is the VAST Treasurer for the 2005-2006 year. His main duty is the collection and distribution of money. He is also responsible for keeping the books up-to-date and assisting with the budget. Mike is a 1980 graduate of Sam Houston State University, with a BFA in Drawing and Painting. He attended The University of North Texas as a graduate student, and Teaching Fellow. He left UNT feeling a need for real-life experience that could add depth and meaning to his paintings.

Mike and his lovely wife Phaedra moved to Everett, Washington, where he got a job on a commercial fishing vessel, The Favorite. He spent five years fishing for salmon in SE Alaska and Puget Sound. Mike then spent seven years as a framing carpenter. He also had a brief stint as a golf caddy. Mike and Phaedra moved back to Denton shortly after the arrival of their son Jackson. Since then, Mike has worked at Cardo's Organic Farm in Ponder, where he is now the production manager. He is also a part-time employee of the Greater Denton Arts Council.

Mike's loosely-painted acrylics are cartoony snapshots often of animals frozen at some decisive moment. He also works in a distinctly different style, making prints with stencils and spray paint. Mike is also heavily involved in theatre in Denton, on stage and off. He is the head of the production board for Music Theatre of Denton. Mike is also a member of GDAC and TAG.

■ Website Updates

Billie Jean Kam, our new webmaster, is working on some changes for our website that incorporate her unique design flavor creating a look that is crisp and elegant. To preview her design style, take a look at the VAST 2005 Annual Juried Members Exhibition page, the VAST Promotional Items page, and the Artist of the Year page.

Coming changes in the months ahead will be in the banner art (updated to reflect the work of our current membership), the layout of the homepage, and the organization of the content on the site. Individual pages will be clustered under major headings to minimize the number of links on the homepage. Also included will be an organizational site map for easy location of information on our site.

Billie Jean has assumed the position of webmaster capably filled by Beverly Sipos for the prior two years. We are indebted to Beverly for her creative vision for our site and thank her for her countless hours that she graciously and tirelessly put into developing and maintaining the site.

2005-2006 Monthly Programs

October 6, 2005	Joel Sampson -Contemporary Mixed Media
November 3, 2005	Colby Parsons O'Keefe -Clay
December 1, 2005	Melanie Singleton - Pastel Portraits
January 5, 2006	Jennifer Quarles -Clay
February 2, 2006	Arlene Anderson - Gourd Art
March 2, 2006	Pat Kochan -Watercolor
April 6, 2006	Mary Treadwell - Watercolor
May 4, 2006	Mark Thistlethwaite - Public Art Today

Regular meetings are usually held at 7:00 pm at the Center for the Visual Arts, 400 East Hickory, Denton, TX.

Letter From the President

Greetings VAST friends!

Another month has flown by and I find myself once again perched in what is rapidly becoming a familiar and much-loved spot on my couch to write this month's letter. Quite a bit is happening that I want to share with you.

At the beginning of September, Margaret Chalfont began her position as Executive Director of GDAC. I had the pleasure of visiting with her last week and am looking forward to working with her to further awareness of and appreciation for the visual arts in Denton and the North Texas area. During our visit, Margaret expressed a deep love for the arts that is rooted in her childhood experiences. She strikes me as the kind of individual who is very comfortable in her skin – a one-of-a-kind type of woman! I hope you will each have the opportunity to meet and visit with her and welcome her to Denton.

Many of you may know that Margaret is from Louisiana. While visiting the other day, as Rita ominously approached the Gulf Coast, I commented that several of our VAST members had expressed interest in coordinating an event or a series of events to aid in the hurricane relief efforts. Margaret mentioned several organizations in Louisiana who are working specifically to assist artists impacted by the recent tragedies. I think this could be a great connection and opportunity to help fellow artists in need. If you are interested in helping formulate plans, please let me know. Jon Hawkins and Donna Kutlus have already expressed their desire to help. I plan to begin working with them to explore options and organize our efforts during the month of October.

About the middle of the month several of our VAST artists painted chairs as donations for a "Chair-ity" auction benefiting the Denton Community Theater. Several of you may have seen Lucinda Breeding's article in the *Denton Record Chronicle* highlighting the event and her purchase of Deanna Wood's chair (see "Members Doing Great Things" for a complete listing of participating VAST artists).

In the latter part of September, under the capable leadership of Jo Williams, VAST coordinated an exhibition for Fiesta-on-the-Square. A number of artists were able to show their work and increase their visibility in the community. Jo also arranged for VAST to be represented at La Vida where several individuals expressed interest in joining. Special thanks to all of our artists and non-artists who helped with this event.

Next week, as part of our evening's events, we will judge the visual arts entries from Ginnings Elementary for Denton ISD's annual Reflections competition. Winners at the campus level will then compete at the district level and may progress to the regional and state levels. I hope you will all take part in supporting Denton's youngest budding artists.

Our second Annual Artists' Studio Tour and our various Calendar Signing Events are approaching quickly. The Barnes and Noble Fundraiser, the entry deadline for the 2006 Spring Exhibition, and the VAST Gala featuring Rob Erdle are on the horizon as well.

Also included in this issue is an introduction to Mike Strecher, VAST Treasurer. Mike brings a variety of unique experiences to the table. Please take a moment to read about him.

In the midst of all this activity and with the onset of autumn, I find myself feeling very reflective. In addition to following through on all of the VAST activities planned for this month, I also hope to take some time to sit and watch the leaves turn. Albert Camus once said about the approaching season, "Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower." Naturally, I hope to see each of you at the VAST events this month. I also hope each of you finds time to enjoy the autumn flowers!


Lynne

■ Calls for Entries

VAST 38th Annual Visual Arts Exhibition. Slides due Monday, November 21, 2005. Exhibition dates: April 23 – June 1, 2006. Juror: Karl Umlauf (www.karlumlau.com). Entry fees: \$30 (members), \$35 (non-members) for 3 entries. \$7,500 in cash and merchandise awards. Prospectuses were mailed September 23, 2005. Contact Amber O'Dell, Exhibition Chair, 940-595-6363 or SpiralingRed1@aol.com for more details.

Watermedia Showcase 2005, Watercolor Magic Magazine. Slide deadline November 1, \$12.50 per slide. Winners receive publication awards in in *Watercolor Magic Magazine* and will be notified by February 6, 2006. Find prospectus at www.watercolormagic.com/2005_prospectus.asp, or send SASE to Watermedia Showcase, 4700 East Galbraith Road, Cincinnati, OH 45236.

Citation 2005, Texas Visual Arts Association's Membership Exhibition juried by Gary Washmon, Professor of Art, Texas Woman's University. 2-D and 3-D works are eligible, \$10 per entry up to 3 entries for members of TVAA, total awards \$1500. **Delivery and registration October 8, 10-12 noon,** Plaza of the Americas, Dallas. Exhibition dates October 8-23. Prospectus available at www.tvaa.org, or by contacting Brenda McKinney, 214-505-7013 or Brenda@stargazergallery.net.

Please send information you wish to have included in *Vision* by the 15th of each month to: Devon Wattier, 228 Nursery Lane, Fort Worth, TX 76114, or email: devonpaiges@charter.net.

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■ Art Around Town

Center for the Visual Arts

Meadows Gallery

Joseph Patrick
*Mexican Markets And Gardens:
Oil and Watercolor Paintings*
September 16 - October 26

East Gallery

Denton Handweavers Guild:
Fiber Expressions
September 16 - October 26

TWU West Gallery

Dawn Gavin, Mixed Media
Paint/ Zero/ Position
October 6 - 28. Lecture
October 27 at 3 pm, reception
from 4:30-6:30 pm

UNT's SOVA Gallery

*Dafatir: Contemporary Iraqi
Book Art*
October 17 - November 22.
Opening events October 17
with a symposium on Iraqi Art
and Culture from 10 am to
5:30 pm in Art Room 223.

Dallas Museum of Art

*Dialogues: Duchamp, Cornell,
Johns, Rauschenberg*
Through October 31

Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth

*Anselm Kiefer:
Heaven and Earth*
September 25 - January 8

Art Prostitute

*In Betweens: Gary Benzel and
Todd St. John*
Through October 24

Stratford Green Gallery

Lewisville
Presentation by Dr. John
Calabrese. Saturday, October
15, 7-9 pm

Trinity Presbyterian Church

Themes From The Bible by
Members of VAST
Opening Reception:
October 8, 6:30 pm

Reminder!
The 2005-2006 VAST Member Yearbook will be distributed at the October and November general meetings. Help VAST conserve on postage and envelope costs; pick up your copy when you sign in!

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